

REMARKS**I. General**

Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application. Claims 24-34 have been canceled by the present Amendment. New claims 41-51 have been added by the Amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-23 and 35-51 will remain pending after entry of the present Amendment.

II. Restriction/Election

The Examiner has required election between claims 1-23 and 35-40, identified as Group I, and claims 24-34, identified as Group II. Specifically, the Examiner opines that the claims of Group I are directed to a transaction processing device and a corresponding remote configuration server and to a method by which the configuration server and the remote device authenticate transmissions received from one another, and that the claims of Group II are directed to a method for configuring subscriber information on one or more remote devices in a secure manner. The Office Action states that the inventions of Groups I and II are related as process and apparatus for its practice and that because the apparatus and method of Group I can be configured by any one of a number of methods that restriction is proper under M.P.E.P. § 806.05(e). In response, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-23 and 35-40, for further prosecution in the present application and cancels claims 24-34 without prejudice.

III. The New Claims

New claims 41-51 have been added by the present Amendment. No new matter has been added as the subject matter of these new claims is present in the specification as originally submitted. The new claims are directed to a transaction processing device and a corresponding remote configuration server, consistent with the Examiner's characterization of Group I elected by Applicant. Accordingly, the new claims may properly be prosecuted with the elected claims.

IV. Summary

Each of now pending claims 1-23 and 35-51 are asserted to be directed to subject matter properly maintainable in a single application for patent in light of the Examiner's requirement for restriction. Moreover, each of now pending claims 1-23 and 35-51 are asserted to be patentable over the prior art known to Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner pass the present claims to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 56728/P001US/10001505 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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